

THE CITY OF CLAYTON

Board of Aldermen
City Hall – 10 N. Bemiston Avenue
January 21, 2014
7:35 p.m.

Minutes

Mayor Sanger called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. The following individuals were in attendance:

Aldermen: Michelle Harris, Andrea Maddox-Dallas, Cynthia Garnholz, Mark Winings, and Alex Berger III.

Mayor Sanger
City Manager Owens
City Attorney O'Keefe

Absent: Joanne Boulton

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

None

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A BALLOT SUBMISSION ON THE APRIL 8, 2014 ELECTION

City Manager Owens reported that there are four ordinances that will place four separate ballot proposals on the April 8, 2014 ballot. There are two bond proposals and two sales tax proposals.

Emergency Services

This proposal would authorize the collection of .25 percent sales tax for the purpose of continuing to provide Fire and EMS services at current levels.

Neighborhood Streets

This ballot proposal will authorize the issuance of \$15M in bonds to resurface and repave more than 50% of the street and alley lane miles in the City and update outdated streetlights. An additional property tax of 12-cents would retire the bonds. If approved, the owner of a \$500,000 house would have an additional investment of \$2.36 per week. These projects have been a part of our long range capital improvement planning process and are addressing infrastructure that is greater than 20 years old.

Economic Development

This ballot proposal would authorize a sales tax of a .25 percent sales tax for the purposes of Economic Development programs to continue city efforts to increase the vibrancy of Downtown Clayton retail, restaurants, corporations and high rise residential.

Shaw Park

This proposal would authorize the city to issue \$12.6M in bonds to create Shaw Park Square, a year-round hub for Shaw Park that will include a new sports center building to serve the tennis

courts and ice ring, in addition to areas for sports and recreation, special events and gatherings. This would equate to approximately \$2 per week for the owner of a \$500,000 home.

Each of these proposals have grown from plans and discussions for several years and have been informed by recent efforts to gather specific public comment on whether or not to place these items before the voters.

The St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners requires the governing body to pass an ordinance placing each issue on the April 8, 2014 ballot. The deadline to submit items for this ballot is January 28, 2014. Should any or all of these ordinances be approved they will be submitted to the Board of Election Commissioners for the April 8, 2014 ballot.

Staff recommends approval of each of these ordinances.

Mr. Tom Currier, 23 Wydown Terrace, addressed the Board stating that he is not sure that the bond proposal for the Shaw Park facility should be included as a ballot issue at this time due to the City's current budget constraints. He commented that he feels this issue should be separated from the other more important ballot issues.

Mayor Sanger thanked Mr. Currier explaining that the Board had discussed the same issue, but felt that the bond proposal for the Shaw Park Facility is necessary to be included. He noted that the recent survey results showed that all of the ballot proposals were well accepted by the citizens.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6425, to approve the ballot submission to authorize a sales tax for operations of the Clayton Fire Department to be read for the first time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6425, an Ordinance of the City of Clayton, Missouri, Calling for Submission to the Voters of the City of a Proposition Authorizing a Sales Tax for Operations of the Clayton Fire Department in the City of Clayton, Missouri for the first time by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6425, to approve the ballot submission to authorize a sales tax for operations of the Clayton Fire Department to be read for the second time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6425 for the second time; Alderman Harris – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; Alderman Berger – Aye; and Mayor Sanger – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6301 of the City of Clayton.

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CLAYTON, MISSOURI, ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESURFACING AND IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, STREET LIGHTING AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6426, to approve the ballot submission to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of street improvements to be read for the first time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O’Keefe reads Bill No. 6426, an Ordinance Calling an Election in the City of Clayton, Missouri, on the Question of Issuing General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Resurfacing and Improving Neighborhood Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys, Street Lighting and Related Infrastructure Improvements for the first time by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6426, to approve the ballot submission to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of street improvements to be read for the second time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O’Keefe reads Bill No. 6426 for the second time; Alderman Harris – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; Alderman Berger – Aye; and Mayor Sanger – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6302 of the City of Clayton.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON, MISSOURI, CALLING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A SALES TAX FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6427, to approve the ballot submission to authorize a sales tax for Economic Development to be read for the first time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O’Keefe reads Bill No. 6427, an ordinance of the City of Clayton, Missouri, Calling for Submission to the Voters of the City of a Proposition Authorizing a Sales Tax for Economic Development Purposes for the first time by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6427, to approve the ballot submission to authorize a sales tax for Economic Development to be read for the second time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O’Keefe reads Bill No. 6427 for the second time; Alderman Harris – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; Alderman Berger – Aye; and Mayor Sanger – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6303 of the City of Clayton.

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CLAYTON, MISSOURI, ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING AN UPDATED OUTDOOR SKATING FACILITY IN SHAW PARK TOGETHER WITH A YEAR-ROUND MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AND FACILITIES FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION, EVENTS AND COMMUNITY GATHERINGS, AND TO SUPPORT PARK ACTIVITIES

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6428, to approve the ballot submission to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of Parks and Recreation Improvements at Shaw Park to be read for the first time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

Mr. Currier addressed the Board commenting that he recalls a lot of hard work was put into the ice rink study and that the citizens were very committed to keeping the rink open and maintaining it as a venue to the community. He expressed his concerns with regard to the proposed design of the ice rink facility and if the roof would be sufficient due to global warming and also the timing of the ballot issue as it relates to budget constraints. He commented that he feels that Shaw Park has been over-developed and that in his opinion the ice rink is a “frill” to the community.

Mayor Sanger thanked Mr. Currier for his comments but clarified that the proposed project was brought before the Board several years ago by the Parks and Recreation Commission which has been publically discussed numerous times over the years. The proposed facility would replace a 50 plus year old building which currently has inefficient equipment that will soon be illegal to operate. He explained that instead of continually putting thousands of dollars into repairs to the current ice rink it would be better to have a much better facility for the community’s future.

Ms. Kathy Anderson, resident, addressed the Board stating that she also feels that Shaw Park is already over-developed and asked if the City has taken into consideration the staffing implications for the proposed project.

Mayor Sanger stated that the Board has reviewed and taken into consideration the staffing needs and they feel that the generated revenue from the proposed facility would be sufficient to handle those costs.

City Attorney O’Keefe reads Bill No. 6428, an Ordinance Calling an Election in the City of Clayton, Missouri, on the Question of Issuing General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Constructing, Furnishing and Equipping an Updated Outdoor Skating Facility in Shaw Park Together With a Year-Round Multi-Purpose Building and Facilities for Sports and Recreation, Events and Community Gatherings, and to Support Park Activities for the first time by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6428, to approve the ballot submission to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of Parks and Recreation Improvements at Shaw Park to be read for the second time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O’Keefe reads Bill No. 6428 for the second time; Alderman Harris – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; Alderman Berger – Aye; and Mayor Sanger – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6304 of the City of Clayton.

Other

None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk